Cambridge Nov. 17th.

My dear Mrs Chapman

It is not too late to thank you for your kind offer of a place among the "noble company" of the friends of Freedom who speak through the pages of the Liberty Bell, though I know that it is now too late for me to avail myself of it this year. I must ask you

MS.A.9.2.16.83

to excuse my neglect
which has been owing in
part to absence from
Cambridge & in part
to the lingering hope,
never fulfilled, that I
might find or make
something suitable &
worthy, for you.

I feel it indeed a
privilege if as a fellow-worker
or in any way I can

strengthen the hands of those who are blessing the world by the unwavering assertion of Principle; & by the vision of Eternal Laws amid the selfish & shifting expedients & compromises of the day are lifting them towards that life of Faith which shall one day destroy all Evil. Even so, Lord Jesus, "Come quickly!

Truly Yours
Saml Longfellow

Ms. A.9.2.16.83